

MAJOR BATTLE IN ALBANIA

Our Daily Bread

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Weisenberger's Proposal Keep State Funds Centralized

A solution for the political problem arising between the city governments and the state over the former's demand for a share of the latter's gasoline tax funds is offered today by Royce Weisenberger, one of Hempstead county's representatives in the legislature. Mr. Weisenberger proposes to introduce in the 1941 General Assembly a bill to make incorporated cities' streets which are a continuation of state highways a part of the state highway system and therefore eligible for state construction and maintenance.

The present state law forbids the highway department spending money on highway-streets in incorporated towns of 2,500 population or more.

On the other hand, the Municipal League of Arkansas is demanding that the legislature give the cities a share of the state gasoline tax, perhaps five per gallon. The county governments are already receiving a "turnback" from the state gasoline tax, and now the cities want one.

Certainly the cities are equally entitled to it, since their streets are even more heavily used by traffic of all descriptions than are the county roads.

But it seems to me that Mr. Weisenberger has hit on a formula that is more desirable than any "turnback" plan. Instead of giving the cities money he would authorize the state to construct and maintain certain city streets.

A long time ago this newspaper, which has always fought "turnback" plans of whatever description, fought the county "turnback" plan and offered a formula for the counties which is about the same thing as the formula now offered the cities by Mr. Weisenberger.

We proposed that the state instead of actually giving each of the 75 county governments so much cash set up the same amount as a credit to the individual county in the district highway office of the district in which the county is located. This money would then be expended at the order of the individual county on county roads, but would be expended by state highway engineers using state equipment.

Our formula recognized the obvious waste and inefficiency of splitting the road funds of the central state government into the treasuries of 75 individual county governments. The same objection applies to a "turnback" for the cities.

Where roads are concerned we would be wise to keep our tax money highly centralized, thereby serving a double purpose—getting more and better roads for our money, and keeping responsibility for failure or fraud centralized in one organization, the State Highway Department.

The one likely objection to this concentration of authority is the danger of politics in the state itself. But this danger exists in any government, whether city, county or state. A formula could be worked out for the counties which would require a certain percentage of the gasoline funds to be deposited to the credit of the individual counties; and then, if politics entered on the scene, there might not be any construction for a while, but at least the money would be impounded, unable to be spent, and accruing until the political snarl was ironed out.

So much for the counties. The formula for the cities is self-evident. The streets carrying state highways through town will be the measure of the state's aid for any given city.

These sources said the Libyan city could have been taken anytime within the past few days by a direct assault but said the British commander was unwilling to sacrifice more troops than necessary.

Sir Archibald Wavell has been conducting the entire campaign in Africa, that has yielded more than 35,000 prisoners, on a policy of getting gains with the least possible loss.

Pending orders for the final assault, the Royal Air Force sought to counter the attempt of Italian planes to aid their surrounded troops by striking heavily on bases to the west.

Australian Island Shelled
MELBOURNE, Australia—(AP)—A sea raider sailing under a Jap name and showing Jap colors heavily shelled the Australian mandated island of Nauru, Manuzes, prime minister.

Why a raider should single out this 5,000-acre atoll near the equator was unexplained. The island is noted for its phosphates.

London sources said a raider was known to be operating in the Pacific in recent months.

Buildings and a plant on the island were said to have been damaged heavily. No casualties were reported, however. "The island is entirely undefended against such an attack, and must be so under the League of Nations mandate," Manuzes said, "and the enemy knows this. The attack was made under neutral colors—those of a country with which we are at peace."

Nauru is a former German island now mandated to Australia by the League of Nations.

Dutch Aid British
LONDON—(AP)—A Netherlands naval officer announced Friday that several unfinished Netherlands warships brought across the Channel when the Germans invaded the Low Countries last May are being completed in British harbors "and soon will go into action."

He added that the Royal Dutch Navy, which is co-operating with the British navy, also will be swelled by one of the destroyers Britain received in the naval base deal with the United States.

The Dutch aerial arm also has been equipped "with modern machines," this Netherlands officer said.

Only three gunboats and a few mine-sweepers were lost by the Dutch in the German attack last May, he said.

"Invasion Ports" Bombed
LONDON—(AP)—Small forces of British bombers hammered at targets "in the invasion port of Bordeaux," German-occupied France, Thursday night, it was announced Friday.

The revival of the air war after a Christmas truce which was marked by only one German plane bombing of the Island of Sheppey was followed by

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A Thought

In all His dispensations God is at work for our good.—John Jay.

Weisenberger Offers Aid for City Pavement

Would Repeal Clause Forbidding State Aid in Cities of 2,500

Representative Royce Weisenberger announced Friday the tentative draft of a bill he will introduce at the 1941 legislature providing for the State Highway Department to take over maintenance of streets that are highway continuations in cities of the first and second class.

Commenting from Little Rock, highway officials told the Associated Press they estimated there were 200 miles of such continuations in the described cities, and that the estimated yearly maintenance cost would be \$300 a mile.

Mr. Weisenberger's bill proposes to amend Section 3 of Act 65 of 1929, merely eliminating the present provision which prohibits state work on streets in cities of 2,500 population or more.

The present law declares that all roads on the state highway system may be state roads "except that portion of said roads traversing incorporated towns of 2,500 and over inhabitants."

Mr. Weisenberger would substitute for those words the following: "Including those portions of said roads extending into or through incorporated towns and cities."

The Hempstead county representative previously had written Congressman Fajio Cravens for an opinion from the U. S. Public Roads Administration as to whether or not this proposal for Arkansas cities would constitute "diversion" of highway money, the federal department being on record as strongly opposed to diverting funds from state highway systems.

Under date of December 11, Thomas MacDonald, U. S. commissioner of public roads, wrote Congressman Cravens in a letter now held by Mr. Weisenberger, the following statement: "It does not appear that the amendment which Mr. Weisenberger proposes would constitute diversion."

COTTON

By the Associated Press

	New Orleans	Open	High	Low	Close
January	10.15	10.15	10.15	10.15	10.15
March	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25
May	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.20
July	10.03	10.03	10.03	10.03	10.03
October	9.48	9.51	9.48	9.51	9.51
December	9.49	9.50	9.49	9.49	9.49
New York:					
January	10.13	10.13	10.12	10.13	10.13
March	10.22	10.26	10.22	10.26	10.26
May	10.15	10.21	10.15	10.21	10.21
July	9.99	10.01	9.97	9.99	9.99
October	9.44	9.47	9.44	9.46	9.46
December	9.44	9.45	9.43	9.44	9.44
Middling spot	10.46				

2.78 Inches Rainfall Recorded in 2 Days

2.78 inches of rainfall was recorded by the University of Arkansas Experiment Station for the past two days, a reading showed Friday morning. Temperature low for Thursday night was 46 degrees.

Rainfall readings:
December 25 1.20 inches
December 26 1.58 inches

TOTAL 2.78 inches

'Mop' Upheld in Tax Cut Appeal

Wins Decision to Pay Only 60% of State's Figure

ST. LOUIS, Mo. —(AP)—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals, ruling in a tax dispute between the state of Arkansas and the Missouri Pacific Lines, held Thursday federal courts have the power to determine the validity and amount of state taxes levied against a bankrupt railroad.

The opinion was handed down in an appeal by the Arkansas Corporation Commission and 51 county collectors from a decree by Federal Judge George H. Moore giving the railroad permission to tender payment of \$620,645 on its 1939 Arkansas taxes.

This was about 60 per cent of the amount levied against the road on the basis of an assessment of \$28,050,600. Trustee Guy A. Thompson, in a petition in Judge Moore's court, asserted the valuation was "discriminatory" and contended the maximum assessment should not exceed \$16,830,000.

Arkansas moved for dismissal of the petition but was overruled by Judge Moore, who said Section 64-A of the Bankruptcy Act gave the court jurisdiction to hear and determine validity of the taxes. Thompson was authorized to make the tender of payment.

On appeal, Arkansas argued that Section 64-A did not apply to railroads seeking reorganization under Section 77 of the act and asserted the Missouri Pacific had a "plain, speedy and adequate remedy" against the assessment in the state courts.

The court of appeals opinion said it was "vitally necessary" that the Bankruptcy Court to which the reorganization of the railroad debtor herein has been confided by Section 77 of the act should be empowered to determine the validity and amount of all liens against the railroad property in order to accomplish the purposes of the reorganization proceedings. Section 64-A confers such power in respect to taxes.

The questions raised by the litigation have been among the factors holding up a special master's report and recommendations on assessment of the Missouri Pacific's Arkansas properties for 1938 taxes. Extensive hearings, ordered by the federal court, were held here last year.

Fields of lava, volcanic craters, "spatter cones," strange caves and natural bridges have been found in southeastern Idaho.

Government Borrowing and Taxes to Cloudy Rosy Sky of Business Boom

New Deal's Fiscal Policies Still Highly Uncertain

Third of six articles reviewing 1940 business and forecasting probable trends in 1941.

By JOHN T. FLYNN
NEA Service Financial Writer

No man can make up his mind about the effect of the forces now pushing business up without taking into consideration certain influences that go along with these things as fairs go along with a dog.

Foremost among these is the government's fiscal policies. These involve government taxes and government borrowing. The borrowing and spending tends to push business ahead. The taxes tend to weigh it down, particularly in the peacetime industries.

One major decision has been made by the government—to pay for the defense effort by taxes and by borrowing. That is about all. What proportion of taxes and borrowing will be adopted is not yet clear.

This last year two tax increases were made by the government. Three months ago the government made an estimate of this year's proportion of taxes and borrowing. It said the return from all taxes will be \$6,367,000,000 (including social security taxes).

It is estimated that it will spend \$12,058,000,000. This, however, merely takes us up to July 1, 1941.

A different proportion would probably be adopted from July 1, 1941 to July 1, 1942.

Proportionate Profits May Fall Off in 1941

Much will depend on the size of the national income. The tax rates now in force can produce a great deal of money provided the income is large.

If the national income rises to \$80,000,000,000 the existing tax rates might produce as much as \$10,000,000,000. This, however, is a rosy estimate, because it is based on a rise in profits and income taxes.

But it is going pretty far to assume that profits under existing circumstances will be proportionately as great as under the conditions of last year.

The rise in costs, the immense deductions for amortization and obsolescence on war plants may cut profits very greatly, particularly for tax purposes.

Business men opposed to further tax increases are disposed to stress this argument as to the fruitfulness of existing taxes. But they are on a very firm ground.

The best evidence is to be found in the movement already started for the ending of tax exemption on bonds.

Emphasis on Borrowing

Along with this goes a powerful and important political interest. Leading government economists recently announced that the government was going to give a demonstration of how great prosperity could be produced by immense war expenditures and suggested that this would prove that the government would have to spend not three billion as in the past on recovery, but at least 12 billion.

The haste, therefore, to get spending under way will lead the government to put its emphasis on borrowing rather than spending.

For this reason the secretary of the treasury has urged the increase of the debt limit by as much as 20 billion dollars, while a former senatorial economy leader proposes an increase of 26 billion.

These factors are the obverse side of the picture of boom that the whole program involves.

NEXT—The investor and interest rates.

CRANIUM CRACKERS

Some Famous Sonnets

Here are the opening lines of five well-known sonnets. Can you give the author of each and—if it has one—the title?

- "Let me not to the marriage of true minds
"Admit impediments. Love is not love
"Which alters when it alteration finds . . ."
 - "The World is too much with us;
Late and soon,
"Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers . . ."
 - "Much have I traveled in the realms of gold,
And many goodly states and kingdoms seen . . ."
 - "Ere I have looked on beauty bare,
"Let all who gaze of beauty hold their peace . . ."
 - "I thought once how Theocritus had sung
Of the sweet years, the dear and wished-for years . . ."
- Answers on Comic Page



Mounting national debt and prospect of mounting income taxes cloud rosy business skies for those who'll have to pay the taxes come next March and the years thereafter.

January Draft Quota Is Cut

Arkansas Figure of 702 Reduced to 343 Men

LITTLE ROCK—Arkansas's original draft quota of 702 for induction into the army under the Selective Service Act has been reduced to 343 men by the Seventh Corps Area headquarters in Omaha, Neb., Lt. Col. Fred M. Logan, Little Rock recruiting officer, was notified Thursday.

Relative dates for induction are: 75 men on January 14, 100 men each on January 27 and 28, and 68 men on January 29. The men will be inducted and processed at the Camp Joe T. Robinson reception center.

In addition, the negro quota has been set at 65 and the induction date has been tentatively set as January 15. The men will probably be sent to the Ninth Cavalry, Fort Riley, Kans. Arkansas is the only state in the Seventh Corps Area with a negro quota.

Negro Woman Found Beaten

Skull Fractured in Several Places, Near Death

Deputy Sheriff Tom Middlebrooks said here Friday that Maybelle Jackson, 24-year-old negro woman of Tennessee Colony, Texas, was found badly beaten and near death late Wednesday near the Kirkland Mill Site on Red Lake South of Fulton.

Police are searching for her husband Charlie Jackson. The woman was beaten on the head with a large rock and her skull is fractured in several places. She has been unconscious since late Wednesday and hospital attendants here said she was not expected to live.

The couple left the home of Nellie Wright, a relative, to visit another negro family living in that community. Sometime later the Jackson woman was found beaten in a ditch. Her husband could not be found, and the police immediately began a search for him. No arrests had been made up to noon Friday.

Important Spot

"Keystone of Canada" is a nickname for Winnipeg, Manitoba. All traffic across the Dominion of Canada, in either direction, passes through it.

Goodfellows' Rotary Report

Linus Walker, E. F. McFaddin on Club Program

Hope's Goodfellows organization raised approximately \$325 for Christmas distribution to needy families this year, Linus Walker told the Rotary club, at its luncheon meeting Friday noon in Hotel Barlow.

Donations also included five cases of fruit and a quantity of clothing, the committeeman reported; and a total of more than 200 children were cured for. The Goodfellows organization represented all the civic and charitable groups of the city, working in conjunction with the churches.

Mr. Walker, reviewing the canvassing work, said that the Goodfellows solicitors took the street after every other organization in town had canvassed for funds. He said it seemed a good time to give thought to forming a Community Chest which would solicit funds for all public purposes in a single campaign.

E. F. McFaddin, reporting on his December meeting in Chicago with the Conference on Vocational Service, of Rotary International, prefaced his report with a caution that Hope ought to look at all sides of the Community Chest plan of raising funds before adopting such a plan. He gave it as his understanding that only cities of 50,000 or more could use the Community Chest plan successfully over a long period.

Mr. McFaddin told the local club that the Chicago conference on vocational service had recommended to Rotary International that it advance a program to enlighten the American public on the benefits of the system of free enterprise, commonly known as the capitalistic system.

Club guests Friday were: Dan Bessinger, Little Rock; R. O. Bessinger, San Francisco, Calif.; Dr. C. R. Chesnut, Little Rock; Dr. Gilbert Kimbrell, DeQueen; and A. A. Albritton, Hope.

Roosevelt Says No News on Peace Move

WASHINGTON —(AP)—Demands from senators that the United States look into the prospect of a negotiated peace in Europe brought no comment from President Roosevelt, who said that he had "no news."

He repeated this to inquiries if he would have some news later on.

A Lot of People

The world has an estimated total of 682,900,000 Christians, consisting of 351,500,000 Roman Catholics, 144,000,000 Orthodox Catholics, and 206,900,000 Protestants.

Italians Try to Hold Pass Near Klisura

Greeks Claim Advance Despite Reinforcements and Weather

ATHENS—(AP)—One of the fiercest battles of the Greek-Italian war was reported raging in the Klisura sector of Albania, where the Italians were said to have concentrated huge reinforcements in an effort to defend a vital mountain pass gate-way to the northwest.

A heavy snowstorm and bitterly cold weather handicapped military operations but reports from the front said fighting was under way on an increasingly heavy scale to the north of Klisura where the Greeks were declared threatening to cut a highway at Berat.

In the central sector Greek military advances said bitter fighting continued throughout Thursday.

"Greek forces continued to advance and undertook a new offensive against the enemy," one dispatch said.

"The aims of our troops were accomplished without sacrifice whereas the enemy took heavy losses in his effort to defend his ground inch by inch."

"Fresh Italian reinforcements lost morale as soon as they realized the Greeks' determination."

Another report described the battle in the Klisura sector as of exceptional importance. "Realizing the great importance of the Klisura pass the Italians concentrated as many troops as possible to frustrate our advance," this Greek report declared.

In the coastal sector where the Greeks are fighting toward the vital port of Valona the Greeks acknowledged the Italians were putting up a stiff resistance, indicating that the Fascist forces were preparing an elaborate defense of Valona.

Fighting on the snow-covered northern front was said to be progressing with Greek infantry attacks "on a fairly heavy scale."

Twisting Wind Hits Florida

One Dead, Three Injured, Much Property Damage

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. —(AP)—One death, three injuries, much property damage and crop destruction was caused Thursday night by high winds and a rain storm.

The storm was caused by a disturbance in the Gulf of Mexico and the weather bureau said it was general.

The injuries occurred during a freak wind at Tomona, about one mile north of Fort Myers and several houses in the community were destroyed. The Sheriff's department said that a twistercut a path about 200 feet wide. Much damage was also reported at Bonnell and Palatka.

Budget Group Hears Berry

No Action Taken on Discharged Employee

LITTLE ROCK —(AP)—The legislature's budget committee, reopening discussions Friday, heard testimony of a discharged treasury employee after Treasurer Earl Page declined to appear before the group.

In a 7-5 split vote the committee voted down a motion to appoint a sub-committee to hear Guy Berry, discharged employee, and a motion to go into an executive session was also voted down.

CIO Plane Proposal Is Being Considered

WASHINGTON —(AP)—President Roosevelt said Friday that a CIO proposal, designed to produce 500 pursuith planes a day by pooling together the entire automobile industry, was being seriously considered.

Changed State Flower

School children of Colorado overruled the legislators and had the state flower changed from the white and lavender columbine to the white and blue columbine.

Women Take 1940 News

How They Still Worry About Tilt of Hats

By SIGRID ARNE

AP Feature Service Writer

Certainly the ladies—being ladies—still worried about the tilt of their hats in 1940. Even the English women of the ARP corps tilted their helmets at a cocky pitch.

But the powder-puff division—as such—was definitely out as head liners. Gone were the last decade's beauty queens, Cinderellas, sensational divorcees wearers of ermine and throwers of soirees.

The women who hit the front pages of 1940 had something to do with one of two subjects: the war or the national election.

The bell tolled first for two ladies in Norway: The Norwegian Crown Princess, Martha, and the aristocratic American ambassador, Mrs. J. Borden (Daisy) Harriman.

It was Mrs. Harriman's cable to our state department which told the world that the Germans were swarming over Norway early April 9.

A Dynasty Flees

That same night the Crown Princess Martha fled over dark roads with her family, racing against time. For days there was no news. Then the family turned up in London. Now the saddened young princess is living almost a hermit's life in a guarded home outside Washington. Her husband is in London.

So is the next lady who hit the front pages: Queen Wilhelmina of Holland. It was early May when the German panzers rubbed out her nation's borders. On May 13th she arrived in London. There was a flurry of criticism. But she reminded critics that "I Shall Maintain" was the motto of her dynasty. And obviously she could "maintain" better in London than as a German prisoner.

New Personality

In June American readers were treated to a new feminine personality: Mrs. Wendell Willkie, wife of the Republican nominee. She was a little "naughty" from campaign excitement when she set out on campaign travels that took her 31,000 miles by the side of her husband. She wound up with an inner circle reputation of being one of her husband's soundest advisers.

In July Americans read of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, experienced at precedent breaking, smashing another one. She flew to the Democratic convention to address it on behalf of her husband. Then she went "off the record." But the campaign wouldn't leave her there. She was almost as much of an issue as war and the deficit.

Advisor for the Army

Meantime readers were growing accustomed to another name, often in the news now—Miss Harriet Elliott. In May she was appointed to the defense commission, the lone woman member, in charge of consumers problems. By autumn she had quietly chalked up a few for Mrs. Housewife by dint of advising on army buying in such a way as to keep prices of food and clothes on an even keel.

Then popped up news of the most romantic lady of our time: the Duchess of Windsor. She had faced the summer confidently. Evidence: She ordered 20 summer outfits from Parisian dress-makers. But then began a long trek across the border into Spain where she celebrated her birthday in a peasant's home. The Duke, somehow, had managed a cake. They became the Governor and Governor's Lady of the Bahamas—he busy with unemployment problems, she leading the islands' Red Cross units. Two weeks before Christmas, but on short notice, a yacht took them to Miami that the Duchess might have an impacted solar removed.

By September events at home were building rapidly to "total defense." Thousands of American women flocked to Red Cross centers to sew and roll bandages for refugees. By winter they numbered a half million.

On Oct. 16th millions of American mothers saw their sons trot out to register for our first peacetime draft. For the ladies the year produced an ominous book by Anne Morrow Lindbergh, "Wave of the Future." She wrote, "the forces of the future are Nazism, Fascism, Communism. Our task is peaceful reform at home."

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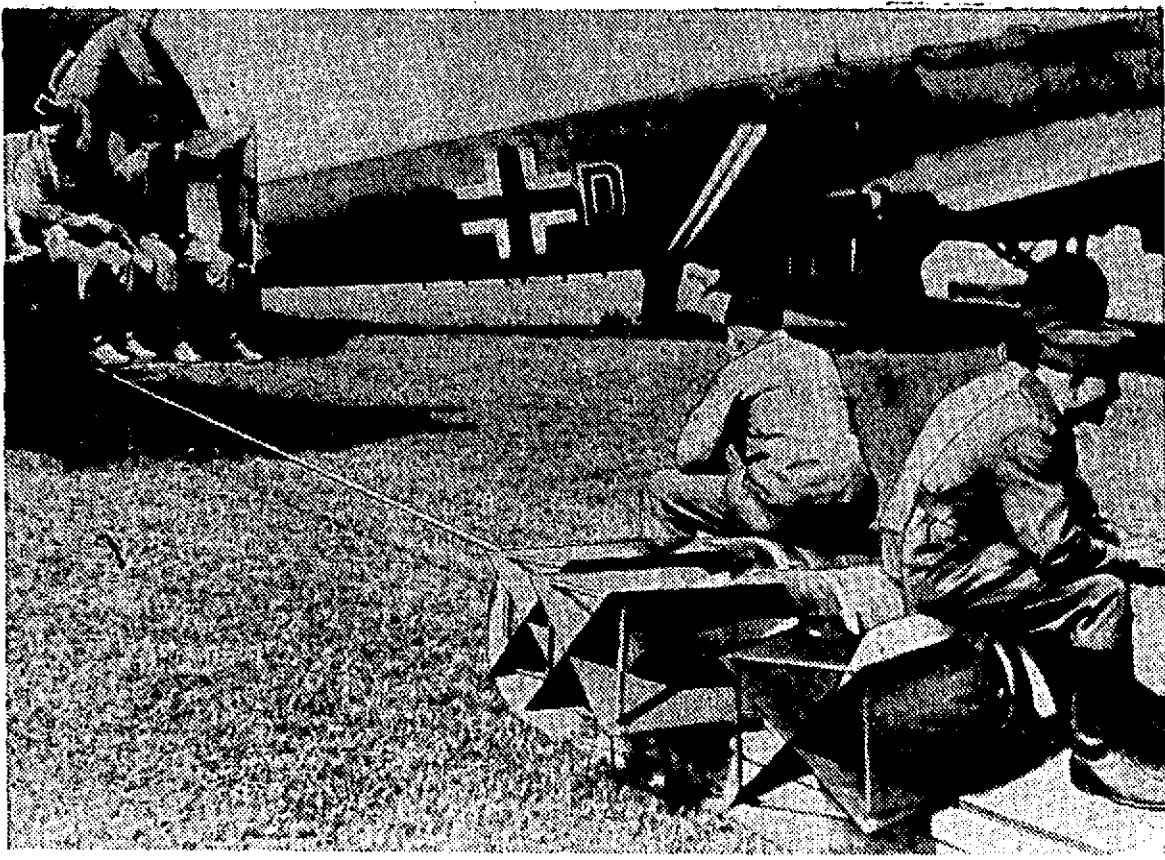
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Nonchalantly sitting on a load of death, members of a German air base ground crew ride along on a bomb-laden sled being hauled by a truck to the huge bomber seen in background. Location of base was omitted by German censor, but it was probably along English Channel area held by Germans.

Harrison in Hollywood

By PAUL HARRISON, NEA Service Correspondent

Fowler Offers Script to Collect Buzzards; ASCAP May Organize Radio Chain

HOLLYWOOD — Behind the screen: Gene Fowler and Director Frank Borzage were in a huddle about a scene for "Billy the Kid"—a scene in which Bob Taylor is riding along, sees a big flock of buzzards wheeling in the desert sky and blazes away at 'em with a revolver.

"It doesn't sound practical," objected Borzage, looking over what Fowler had written. "How you gonna make a lot of buzzards converge just where you want 'em?"

"Simple," said Fowler. "Just toss the script out on the desert and they'll converge for miles around."

If the broadcasting companies and the music men of ASCAP don't reach an agreement pretty quickly, the composers are going to try to organize a big rival chain of radio stations. And they've got plenty of money to do it.

Molars as Souvenirs
When Betty Grable stepped off a train early the next morning after a San Francisco visit, she was smartly dressed except she'd sleepily forgotten to change from her bedroom slippers. Now there's a man visiting all local

dentists to try to buy movie stars' extracted teeth. He'd mount 'em on gold pins and sell them as souvenirs. It's a dangerous notion; fans who previously have been content to tear off players' clothing, hats and purses now are likely to carry forceps and try to yank a few incisors and bicuspids.

In his stage play, "Arsenic and Old Lace," Boris Karloff is doing a burlesque of his movie horror roles. The Marx Brothers got their usual \$250,000 for "Go West," and now have collected an extra \$50,000 because their contract calls for that amount of damages if any of their pictures costs less than \$1,000,000. Production figures on this one added up to \$996,000.

Charlie Elfeldt tells about the two mind readers who met on the street. One said, "You're all right. How am I?"

There'll be no more search-lighted, fan-jammed previews in Hollywood. These events were started to give critics an early look at new pictures and at the same time to observe the reactions of a paying audience.

Eut in the past few years greedy theater managers have let cash customers into seats paid for by studios and reserved for critics; late-coming critics would be shunted into the attic. Also, there developed a large, usually gang of preview-haunting fans whose reactions were far from typical. So the flicker companies got together and said to hell with it. Hereafter, all previews will be held in projection rooms.

Musical Shorts by Wire
Newest thing in juke boxes will be wired television: A cafe customer puts a nickel into a machine and gets a three-minute musical short. The sound and pictures come from a central station, which continuously runs a long string of such film features over leased wires to cafes and bars and such.

The Jimmy Stewart-Olivia de Havilland romance is all over, ended, washed up. And so is the one between Eleanor Powell and Merrill Lyne. Cary Grant is busy denying new rumors he's going to marry Barbara Hutton. Madeleine Carroll and her French flyer, Capt. Richard de la Roziere, are the best bet in the matrimonial sweepstakes. What ever happened to that claimed clause in Desi Arnaz' RKO contract saying it would be voided if he married within three years.

The life of the famed Emporia editor, William Allen White, will be filmed

Kay Kyser — Saenger — Starts Sunday



"YOU'LL FIND OUT"

Church News

FIRST BAPTIST
William R. Hamilton, Pastor

Next Sunday will be the last in 1940. Can it be possible in enlightened Hope that there is a single person in town who has not attended some service of worship during the whole year? How many of us will have honored the Lord by attending 104 services when the year closes—How many will have attended only 57?

Next Sunday affords an opportunity for us to attend two services of worship. Sunday school and Training Union—the last opportunity of the year.

"A New Year's Message" will be the pastor's sermon subject at the 10:55 service.

Sunday school assemblies by departments at 9:45. The attendance in our own buildings last Sunday morning was 453. Let us close the year with a record attendance.

Baptist Training union meets at 6:30 in the educational building. A service of especial interest is planned for Sunday evening at 7:30. The Baptist college students and some of our high school seniors will have

by Metro — and with Spencer Tracy, of course. Ten years ago, White was complaining about pictures and said: "The movies offer a nervous relaxation for tired people. They are little better than chewing gum in that."

charge of a program with the theme: "Conquer With Christ." It is planned for the service to close by 8:30. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend all the services at First Baptist church.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Thos. Bryner, Minister

Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship at 10:55 o'clock. This will be a Life Dedication Service for our Young People, and all our young people are urged to be present and sit together in the Auditorium.

No Vesper Service at 5 p. m. as the auditorium will be used for another service.

Young People will meet at 6:15 p. m. You are cordially invited to worship with us.

Bardia Can Be

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a burst of activity by German long-range guns.

A German war plane reached an area near London at mid-morning Friday but was driven back.

These announcements indicated that the Christmas truce was at an end.

Petain Writes to Hitler
BERNE, Switzerland —(AP)— Navy Minister Jean Darlan of the Vichy French government was reported Friday to have delivered to Adolf Hitler

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LATEST BOOKS

Babies Don't Cry in Ainu Land, Says Traveler Wells

Carverth Wells has been traveling again, re-visiting after 23 years the "Topsy Turvy Land" of the Orient, Japan, China, Malaya. He writes about it in his usual chatty, informal style of book, "North of Singapore" (McBride: \$3). In Japan, traveler Wells visited among other interesting spots the home of the "hairy Ainu," an incredibly primitive people, living in grass huts and keeping bears for muscats. Mr. Wells describes herewith a typical Ainu custom; and, second, his experience in a communal Japanese bath.

When a baby is born, the Ainu father considers himself very ill, and not the mother. She is expected to go about her business as usual while he remains huddled up beside the fire, moaning and feeling very sorry for himself. As for the baby, it is placed in a cradle; but the moment it cries, it is hoisted up to the ceiling of the hut and allowed to stay there until it stops. Ainu babies soon learn not to cry.

The public bathroom in our hotel at Noboribetsu would probably put to shame the most elaborate baths of the Romans.

At least 30 people were taking baths

in German-occupied France a letter from Petain.

The contents could not be learned but were thought to convey reassurance of Petain's desire to continue his German-French collaboration and an explanation of his refusal to take Laval back into the French cabinet.

when I entered, men and women. Among the bathers was an American missionary who had become quite blasé with regard to human nakedness, but he told me that when he first arrived in Japan and discovered that everyone in the house where he was lodging took baths together, he used to sneak into the washroom with sponge and soap and a 'lick and a promise' bath in privacy. One day his host took him to one side and said, "Young man, everyone is talking about you. You haven't had a bath for over a week."

"But in America men do not take baths with women," explained the missionary in confusion.

"Oh! is that the reason?" exclaimed the Japanese. "Of course, we Japanese don't think much of the women either, but we don't mind bathing with them."

How To Relieve Bronchitis

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YESTERDAY: Jerry is quitting school to marry Val Parks. His decision means wrecking all the plans Dr. Connelly and Martha have made for him, means he will have to find a job. Martha warns Val may not want to live on a truck driver's salary. Jerry is happy when they agree to talk the matter over with Val's father. Later that night Dr. Connelly finds Mary sobbing.

MARY REVEALS A SECRET

CHAPTER V

DR. CONNELLY paused in the doorway, watching the sobbing girl. His heart was full of pity for the lonely child, without a relative near to share the happiness of Christmas.

"Mary," he spoke softly, so not to startle her. "What's the matter, child?"

"Oh!" The dark head jerked up from the pillow, red-rimmed eyes spilling tears down her cheeks. "Oh, Doctor Connelly!"

He was beside her then, his arms enfolding her, shutting out the hurt, his voice quieting her jangled nerves, just as he had so often soothed the pain and troubles of his own daughters. "There . . . there . . . Go ahead and try it out. Best medicine in the world for you."

Gradually the girl's hysteria passed. Finally she looked up at him, dabbing at her eyes with a soaked linen square, and managed to smile when he handed her his own huge handkerchief.

"Now, what's this all about? Too much Christmas?" he prompted.

"I guess that was it. Seeing all your family so happy together. I just couldn't stand it any longer. I had to get away . . ."

"We were thoughtlessly cruel—" "Oh, no!" Mary refused to let him blame himself. "I loved it, all of it. You all have been so good to me, including me in your Christmas. I even imagined I actually 'belonged'—that I wasn't really an outsider. Then, when I realized—"

"What made you—?" The doctor began, stopped abruptly, switched to an entirely different subject. "I've just come back from the hospital and I'm half starved. How about joining me in a raid on the icebox? There's cold turkey, I'm sure."

"But I look so terrible." "There should be a mince pie around somewhere. Ideal for nightmares."

... Come on, now. I hate eating alone. If you won't join me, I'll have to wake Martha."

THE doctor had been right about the cold turkey. There was plenty of it, and cranberry sauce, too. Mary fixed sandwiches and

he made coffee. He drew upon an endless fund of amusing, personal anecdotes to keep her entertained while they ate, successfully restoring Mary to her normal, happy mood. For the time, at least, the emotional storm had passed.

"That was almost as good as the Christmas dinner," he said as the last of the pie disappeared. "Should keep me awake—coffee and two pieces of pie. . . . Never found anything yet that could keep me awake when I had a chance to sleep." He filled a pipe, lighted it and puffed contentedly as Mary cleared the table. "Let the dishes go until morning."

"They'll only take a minute. . . . No, you can't help. . . . You look entirely too contented to dry dishes." Somehow, though, he managed to evade her protests, found a dish towel.

"You're a senior this year, aren't you?" he asked, making conversation. "What do you intend doing after graduation?"

"I had planned to work with a medical group in China. I'm majoring in bacteriology, you know," Mary explained. "There's so much to be done there. . . . Dad was stationed in Shanghai for three years. He started me on the idea. Jerry says I should go on in medicine, though. . . ."

"Too bad he can't prescribe some of it for himself." Mary busied herself with the dishes, said nothing.

"WHAT'S wrong with this boy of mine?" the doctor asked. "You know him pretty well, don't you? And this girl he wants to marry. If you were in love with him, Mary, would you want him to quit medicine, with only a little more to go?"

A plate slipped from her hands, clattered into the sink. Mary caught it, laughing at her clumsiness. She kept her eyes on the dishpan. "No. . . . If I were in love with Jerry"—she spoke slowly—"I'd never marry him until he finished school and his internship."

"Y are in love with him, aren't you?" Hugh Connelly's query was as casual as a comment on the weather. He waited for Mary's answer.

"Yes." She did not look at him. "I've loved Jerry ever since I met him at the spring party last year. He doesn't know it. How did you guess?"

Dr. Connelly laughed. "We doctors have a special gift for finding out more than the patient tells us. You have to have it to practice medicine successfully. . . . I'm

glad you didn't deny loving Jerry, Mary. I thought I saw symptoms, but I needed your word to make the diagnosis certain.

"The Connellys need your help—Martha and I, especially. What about this girl—this Valerie? She's a sorority sister, isn't she?"

Mary nodded. It was easy to talk to this grand, old doctor. She could trust him. Perhaps she could help. . . .

"Valerie is really a very nice girl. I don't know a great deal about her. She transferred from the South at the beginning of the term. She seems to be sincerely in love with Jerry—and he must love her, to give up his career." She wiped the back of her hand across her eyes. "This soap chip dust makes your eyes smart, doesn't it?"

The doctor smiled. "Nasty stuff." He went on: "Sheila and Kathleen don't think so much of their future sister-in-law."

"I think that's due to a difference of ideas on how a sorority pledge should be treated. Valerie was a little tough on the girls at first—before she found out they had a brother. But every chapter treats its pledges differently." Mary hastened to explain. "Maybe we're a bit easy."

"It's better that way," the doctor agreed. "By the way, weren't you responsible for getting the twins into that sorority?"

"I couldn't let them pledge anything else. Jerry had asked me to arrange rush dates, last spring. After the girls met Sheila and Kathleen, it was no trick to get them through. . . ."

"That may be one of the reasons for Sheila's disliking Valerie," she added. "Val told Jerry she made quite a fight to get the girls voted in. Sheila and Kathleen believed it, too, until they discovered that a transfer has no vote in the house until second semester. Then Sheila wanted to tell Jerry."

"And you wouldn't let her—"

"It would have hurt him. . . . I don't want Jerry, hurt—ever."

Mary turned to face Jerry Connelly's father. She was trying to be fair, yet she could not deny her love for Jerry.

"I love Jerry," she said. "I had hoped he loved me, until Valerie came along. I believe Jerry, actually is in love with Valerie now. If I didn't, I never would have let him go, without a battle."

"She loves him, too. But if I ever find out that she's making a fool of Jerry—that she really doesn't intend to marry him and make him happy—I'll do everything I can to wreck that romance."

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